THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) As per the Operation, Management and Development Agreements (OMDA) entered by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Joint Venture Companies (JVCs) namely M/s Delhi International Airport Private Limited (DIAL) for Delhi airport and M/s Mumbai International Airport Private Limited (MIAL) for Mumbai airport, the JVCs are required to provide and maintain at these Airports (free of charge and cost) a Government of India (GOI) and AAI as per the list of personnel eligible to use such facilities as provided by the GOI/AAI from time to time. The JVCs shall, in addition, provide and maintain at the Airport (free of charge and cost), a Ceremonial Lounge adhering to existing principles of protocols and courtesies.

Similar provision have also been made in the Concession Agreements (CA) signed by GOI with M/s Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) for new Bangalore International Airport and M/s Hyderabad International Airport Limited (HIAL) for new Hyderabad International Airport.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. There are approved lists of dignitaries entitled to use the VIP Lounge (Reserved Lounge) and the Ceremonial Lounge.

Air traffic jam at Mumbai Airport

3700. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mumbai Airport is suffering from air-traffic jam during the take-off and landing of domestic and international flights everyday;

(b) if so, how many domestic and international flights take-off and land every day at Mumbai Airport, also indicating average delay due to traffic jam;

(c) the number of runways available at Mumbai Airport and how many of them are in actual working condition; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to get rid of air traffic jam at Mumbai Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Approximately 750 flights take off and land daily at Mumbai airport. Sometimes when there is bunching of traffic, congestion occurs leading to delays of about 15 minutes to 30 minutes.

(c) Two runways which are crossing each other at mid point are available at Mumbai airport and both are being used.

(d) Important measures taken for air traffic management at Mumbai airport are: construction of a new exit taxi-way, straightening of taxi-way D, simultaneous use of both the runways during peak hours, joining of runways '32' and '27' through a new taxi-track to reduce runway occupancy time, introduction of improved ATC procedures, ban on general aviation during peak hours, scientific allocation of schedules in order to avoid of bunching of aircrafts, etc.

Civil Aviation projects

†3701. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.